

July 10, 1990

READY FOR FILE

JUL 10 1990

JULIE FIELDER

Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES GATES

Dear Ron:

I have not heard from you concerning this matter and wondered if the legal action has now been completed.

You sent us information indicating that Mr. Gates had been arrested last summer on two counts of lewd behavior. If the legal action has been completed, we would like to have that to complete our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF016741

READY FOR FILE
FEB 15 1990
A. GRAVES

February 14, 1990

Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Gates

Dear Ron:

Periodically, I follow up on all of our cases. I wondered if any legal action had now taken place, since Mr. Gates was arrested last August.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF016742

READY FOR FILE
DEC 11 1989
A. GRAVES

December 11, 1989

Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Gates

Dear Ron:

This is just a follow up to see where the legal action is at this time.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF016743

August 30, 1969

RE: James Gates

Mary Lou Heink called at 10:15 A.M. and updated me on the James Gates case.

Mr. Gates was dismissed from Scouting in June of this year due to a claim that he molested or attempted to molest two boys while at Camp La-No-Che.

According to Mrs. Heink, Mr. Gates was temporarily confined to a hospital in Brevard County for observation. Mr. Gates is reportedly mentally retarded. Upon his release from the hospital, he was arrested and taken to jail in Lake County (in which Camp La-No-Che is located). He has since been released from jail.

Mr. Gates showed up at a Troop meeting this week and was chased away by one of the boys involved in the alleged molestation. Parents and Scouts are concerned and have called local police. The police reportedly say they can't do anything to make him stay away from the Troop meeting place.

Mrs. Heink (the Scouting Coordinator) will work with the church and the Troop leaders in trying to prevent Mr. Gates' appearance at future meetings.

RC/mc

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Per Cunniff". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

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August 16, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Per your letter of July 12, 1989, enclosed is the Confidential Record Sheet on James Gates. We are still trying to secure his Social Security Number.

I spoke with the Scoutmaster again this week. He informed us that the parents did press charges. Mr. Gates has been arrested on two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior. He is currently being held in the Lake County Correctional Facility in Clermont, Florida on \$10,000 bail. The Scoutmaster and our staff are working to obtain copies of all legal proceedings.

We will keep you informed as we receive this information.

Sincerely,

Bill Cowles
Director of Field Service

BC/mc

Enclosures: Confidential Record Sheet
Memo on application

cc: Ron Carroll
James Gates Confidential File

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CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 531084, Orlando, FL 32853
(305) 896-4801

DATE: 8/7/89

SUBJECT:

James Latta

TO:

Bill

PLEASE REPLY:

- ☐ URGENT
☐ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
☐ NO REPLY NECESSARY

There is nothing in James Latta
confidential file with his signature.
He did not sign the adult
application - nor the receipt for
certified mail sent to him.

REPLY TO:

SIGNED:

Mellor

DATE:

RECIPIENT — REPLY AND RETAIN THIS COPY. DETACH AND RETURN PINK COPY TO SENDER.

CONF016746

READY FOR FILE
JUL 13 1989
JULIE EATON

July 12, 1989

Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES GATES

Dear Ron:

Thank you for all the material you have sent concerning the above named individual. We have started a file and will refuse any registration which should reach this office.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed with as much information as you have available.

A statement on the scoutmaster's letter indicates that the mothers of the youth members are pressing charges. If this is true, we would like to have more information on this later when these charges have been handled and the legal work completed.

Thanks again for your usual good work. Let me know if I may be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Southeast Region

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Central Florida Council
Boy Scouts of America

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July 6, 1989

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view, we have decided that your registration with the Boy
ould not be accepted. We are therefore compelled to
any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of

stand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and
granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to
enever there is a concern that an individual may not
is of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for

s it even
ly filled out)

ave this decision reviewed by a council review committee,
thin 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your
supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA
ced.

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Sincerely,

Don Asher
Council President

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CONF016748

June 27, 1989

OUR D.E. +
CAMP DIRECTOR

Per Gold
7/5/89

OUR D.E. +
CAMP HEALTH OFFICER

[REDACTED]
Cocoa, Fl 32923
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Pasiley, Fl 32767

Dear Mr. Smith,

On behalf of myself and my son [REDACTED], We would like to thank you for your support and help friday night.

[REDACTED] has been through alot in his short 13 years and his way of dealing with problems is exactly as you saw him.

I would also like to say how proud you should be of Todd Wallace. He must be a very special young man-to have been so trusted by [REDACTED] in this matter.

Thank you again for all your help and support.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

CONF016749

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: August 7, 1989

FULL NAME JAMES GATES
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY MERRITT ISLAND STATE FLORIDA ZIP CODE 32953

DATE OF BIRTH December 9, 1963 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 25 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION EPISCOPALIAN NATIONALITY (Citizen of) U.S. CITIZEN

OCCUPATION UNEMPLOYED AT THE TIME HAS TO STOCK ROOM & JANITORIAL WORK

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 185 HEIGHT 6' RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR Black, curly COLOR OF EYES _____

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TALK WITH WEARS GLASSES & HEARING AID

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE N/A

CHILDREN 0 N/A

(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: ATTEMPTING TO RE-ENTER SCOUTING

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>TROOP 307</u>	<u>MERRITT ISLAND</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>	<u>ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER</u>	<u>NEVER REGISTERED</u>	
Chartered Organization <u>GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</u>					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION N/A WAS REGISTERED WITH A HAWAIIAN TROOP IN HAWAII

INCIDENT: TYPE 1 DATE OF INCIDENT 6-23-89 RESOLUTION 3
Type Resolution

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1=Scout Related | 1. Internal (only Scouts Know) |
| 2=Non-scout related | 2. Criminal action |
| 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) | 3. Court action |
| | 4. Probationary status |
| | 5. Reported to state agency |

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident Previously sent by Scout Executive
2. Victim(s) statement NOTED
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings OCT 18 1991
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination Previously sent
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

CONFIDENTIAL

AUG 28 1989

F. STARON

Council Central Florida

Signed Barry Cook

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONF016750

READY FOR FILE

OCT 22 1991

A. GRAVES

October 25, 1991

Mr. Hugh M. Travis
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES GATES

Dear Hugh:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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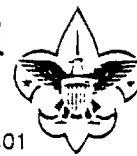
cc: James Wilson, Southeast Region

CONF016751



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October 14, 1991

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Personal and Confidential

Dear Paul:

I am responding to your letter from September 19, 1991, in regards to the James Gates case. In the summer of 1989, Mr. Gates was arrested and charged with lewd and lascivious acts to a minor at our Scout camp in Lake County. We had been told by a representative from the court system in Lake County that Mr. Gates did serve a term in the County jail. He would not tell us of the dates of the incarceration but did insinuate that Mr. Gates has long since been released. We have asked officially for the Clerk of the Court to send us documentation so that we may close our file and we are still awaiting the reply. Some two weeks have passed since that and I've asked Field Director Joe Gaston to follow up with this personally.

We'll keep you updated as quickly as we get more information, but we did want to let you know that we are handling this matter.

Sincerely,

Hugh Travis
Scout Executive

HT/dd

cc: James Wilson, Southeast Region
John Akerman

CONF016752

September 19, 1991

READY FOR FILE

SEP 19 1991

A. GR.

Mr. Hugh M. Travis
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES GATES

Dear Hugh:

In 1989, we received information that this individual had attempted to molest a couple of Scouts. He was suspended from Troop 369 at that time.

We have tried for quite some time to find the outcome of the legal action and have never been able to secure this. Could you have someone check and determine if this individual was ever taken to court? If this is completed, we would like the outcome of the legal action.

Thanks for your help in this matter. We would like to close this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: James Wilson, Southeast Region

CONF016753

READY FOR FILE

APR 03 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

April 3, 1991

Mr. Hugh M. Travis
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES GATES

Dear Hugh:

I hate to bother you concerning this old file, but we still have not received the outcome of the legal action. I was told that Mr. Gates had been arrested and taken to jail on molestation charges.

We would like the outcome of the legal action. Newspaper clippings or court records would be most helpful in completing this file.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: James D. Wilson, Southeast Region

CONF016754

December 5, 1990

FOR FILE
DEC 06 1990

A. GRAVES

Mr. Ron L. Carroll
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 33

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES GATES

Dear Ron:

I will try one last time to see if you can give me information concerning the above named individual. Since he had been arrested in 1989, we wondered if the legal action had now been completed. We certainly would like a copy of that information or a newspaper clipping that indicates the outcome.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF016755

ADULT APPLICATION

PART TWO

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Name James Gates
Driver's license No. N/A
State _____ Expiration _____

1. Previous Scouting background (for last 5 years)

Position _____ Council _____ Year _____

2. Previous experience. What other experience, if any, have you had that may assist you in working with youth?

As a volunteer _____
In your work or profession _____

3. Previous residences (for last 5 years)

4. Current memberships (religious, community, youth, business, or professional organization)

5. Education or special training

☐ Elementary ☐ High school ☐ College ☐ Advanced degrees

6. Health limitations or special considerations

7. History of legal involvement

- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| a. Are you free of illegal substance abuse? | Yes | No |
| b. Have you ever been convicted of criminal offense? (If yes, please explain) | Yes | No |
| c. Have you ever been arrested or convicted for the use or sale of drugs? | Yes | No |
| d. Have you ever been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse? | Yes | No |
| e. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of child neglect or abuse? | Yes | No |
| f. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? | Yes | No |
| g. Other than the above matters, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of young people? | Yes | No |

8. References. Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth

Name _____	Address _____
City/ZIP _____	Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name _____
Address _____
City/ZIP _____
Relationship _____ Phone _____
Name _____
Address _____
City/ZIP _____
Relationship _____ Phone _____

Carefully read the following statement before signing

I, the undersigned, understand that:

- a. The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application and I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information concerning me to the Boy Scouts of America or local council thereof
- b. In signing this application, I swear or affirm that the information that I have given herein is true and correct.

Sign here and in part one _____ Date _____

Reviewed and approved by:

Mary Lou Allen Date 6/19/89
Scout executive certification



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Boy Scouts of America

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June 29, 1989

To: Paul Ernst, Registration Service National Office, BSA
From: Ron Carroll, Scout Executive, Central Florida Council
Re: James Gates

*Added to CF file
Show no reg at
National
7/3/89*

On Friday night, June 23, 1989, I was notified by telephone at my home by Paul Smith, Camp Director at Camp Lanoche, of a case of probable child molestation.

Paul informed me that an Assistant Scout Master by the name of James Gates had been accused of molesting two boys in his troop. The troop is 369 of Canaveral District.

Paul indicated that Mr. Gates seemed to be somewhat mentally handicapped, and also had a hearing problem.

Paul also advised me that the Scoutmaster of the troop, John Yantsios, had removed Mr. Gates from Camp Lanoche and had returned him to the home of Mr. Gate's parents.

Paul Smith did call Lake County law enforcement officers who arrived at Camp Lanoche and questioned Mr. Smith, the boys who had made the allegation, and upon his return, they also questioned Mr. Yantsios.

On Saturday morning, June 24 I attempted to follow Boy Scout policy by removing Mr. Gates from our membership roster by delivering to him the letter as prescribed by the Boy Scouts of America. I discovered that Mr. Gates was not registered with the Boys Scouts of America in any position. Attempts to contact the District Executive, the Scouting Coordinator for Troop 369, the Troop Committee Chairman for the Troop, or Scoutmaster Yantsios were unsuccessful. Since I had no address it was not possible for me to contact Mr. Gates personally and further I had been advised the night before that he had not returned to his home but rather to the home of his parents.

Later, on the afternoon of June 25th, I did speak with Scoutmaster Yantsios by phone and he confirmed that Mr. Gates probably was not registered with the Central Florida Council as the Assistant Scoutmaster. He further indicated that he would assure me that Mr. Gates would have no contact with the troop and would not be allowed to continue his involvement. Mr. Yantsios further assured me that he would provide to me at the very earliest opportunity the application that Mr. Gates had completed for submission to the position of Assistant Scoutmaster in order that we might have that as a part of our records.

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On Monday, June 26, 1989 I discussed the matter with our Council President, Don Asher, and again with Paul Smith, our Camp Director.

On Tuesday, June 27, Mary Lou Heink, Scouting Coordinator for Troop 369 called me to offer any assistance she might be able to provide and further to assure me that Mr. Gates was not active with the troop.

She did indicate that she had signed Mr. Gate's application as an adult leader but that she had not met him. He had been recommended by Mr. Yantsios, and in a rather large troop of so many leaders you assume that he had been interviewed by proper persons of the troop committee and that he would be a welcome addition to their troop leadership corp.

I am happy to report that all members of the troop have been very cooperative in working with the Council in bringing this matter to a conclusion. Since I have not yet received the application that Mr. Gates filled out to become an Assistant Scoutmaster, obviously I cannot send you the copy that you need for your records. I will forward that to you immediately upon receipt from Troop 369. Since Mr. Gates is not a Scout leader, obviously we cannot remove him from registered status. I am preparing a letter to be sent to Mr. Gates advising him that his registration will not be accepted and will forward a copy of that to you as soon as I obtain an address for Mr. Gates which I will do from the application that he submitted to Troop 369.

cc: David Hedrick, Attorney at Law
Don Asher, Council President
Paul Smith, Camp Director

COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS	Council/district position	District No.

CONF016759

Ren
Here is what of the
Application we have on James
Gates. I'm sorry, I dropped the
ball on this one. The mothers
have decided to press charges.
The paperwork should come out
on the 10th of July. If you
have any other questions please
contact myself or Mary-Lou Heinke,
([REDACTED])

Thank You,

John N. Ventrios Jr
([REDACTED])